

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 51**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Logue**

December 21, 2012

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An act to add Chapter 8.5 (commencing with Section 66650) to Part 40 of Division 5 of Title 3 of the Education Code, relating to public postsecondary education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 51, as introduced, Logue. Public postsecondary education: Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program.

(1) Existing law establishes a system of public elementary and secondary schools operated by local educational agencies throughout the state. Existing law also establishes a system of public postsecondary education in this state that includes 3 segments: the California Community Colleges, the California State University, and the University of California.

This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to establish a pilot program with the goal of creating a model of articulation and coordination among K-12 schools, community colleges, and campuses of the California State University that will allow students to earn a baccalaureate degree for a total cost not exceeding \$10,000, including textbooks. The bill would establish a Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program that would include campuses of the California State University, community college districts, and county offices of education in 3 areas of the state. The bill would require the public postsecondary educational institutions and local educational agencies participating in the pilot program to coordinate their efforts to expedite the progress of participating students from high school to community college to

California State University. Because the bill would impose new duties on community college districts and county offices of education, it would constitute a state-mandated local program.

The bill would authorize participating high school students to earn an unlimited number of Advanced Placement course credits, and provide these students with priority enrollment at participating community colleges. The bill would impose grade point average and time requirements on participating students at the community college stage of the pilot program. The bill would require a participating California State University campus to accept a minimum of 60 semester units earned by a participating student at a high school or community college. The bill would prohibit the mandatory systemwide fees and tuition and mandatory campus-based fees charged to a participating student from being increased during the first 2 academic years of his or her attendance at a California State University campus under the pilot program.

(2) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: yes.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. Chapter 8.5 (commencing with Section 66650)  
2     is added to Part 40 of Division 5 of Title 3 of the Education Code,  
3     to read:

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5     CHAPTER 8.5. BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PILOT PROGRAM

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7     66650. It is the intent of the Legislature to establish a pilot  
8     program with the goal of creating a model of articulation and  
9     coordination among K-12 schools, community colleges, and  
10    campuses of the California State University that will allow students  
11    to earn a baccalaureate degree for a total cost not exceeding ten  
12    thousand dollars (\$10,000), including textbooks.

1 66651. (a) The Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program is hereby  
2 established. The pilot program shall include participating public  
3 postsecondary educational institutions and local educational  
4 agencies in three areas, as follows:

5 (1) California State University, Chico; the Yuba Community  
6 College District; the Butte Community College District; the Butte  
7 County Office of Education; and the Yuba County Office of  
8 Education.

9 (2) California State University, Long Beach; the Long Beach  
10 Community College District; and the Los Angeles County Office  
11 of Education.

12 (3) California State University, Stanislaus; the San Joaquin  
13 Delta Community College District; and the San Joaquin County  
14 Office of Education.

15 (b) The public postsecondary educational institutions and local  
16 educational agencies participating in the pilot program shall  
17 coordinate their efforts to expedite the progress of participating  
18 students from high school to community college to California State  
19 University to earn their baccalaureate degrees.

20 66652. Notwithstanding any other law:

21 (a) In each of the areas designated in subdivision (a) of Section  
22 66651, the number of Advanced Placement (AP) course credits  
23 that a participating high school pupil may earn is unlimited.

24 (b) A participating student may attend and earn college course  
25 credit at either his or her high school or at a participating  
26 community college.

27 (c) In order to earn college course credit under the pilot program  
28 for college-level course work undertaken before graduation from  
29 high school, a participating student shall earn a score of three or  
30 better on the AP examination for each college-level course.

31 (d) A participating student shall receive priority enrollment  
32 status at a participating community college, and be required to  
33 enroll at that community college either in the summer term or the  
34 fall semester immediately succeeding that pupil's graduation from  
35 high school.

36 (e) In order to remain in the pilot program, a participating  
37 student shall maintain a grade point average of at least 2.0 on a  
38 4-point scale at the community college he or she attends pursuant  
39 to the pilot program.

1 (f) A participating student shall attend community college full  
2 time, shall take no less than 12 semester units each semester, and  
3 shall complete his or her associate of arts transfer degree in not  
4 less than two years from the date he or she enrolled at the  
5 community college.

6 (g) A participating California State University campus shall  
7 accept a minimum of 60 semester units earned by a participating  
8 student at either a high school or a community college pursuant  
9 to the pilot program.

10 (h) The mandatory systemwide fees and tuition and mandatory  
11 campus-based fees charged to a participating student shall not be  
12 increased during the first two academic years of his or her  
13 attendance at a California State University campus pursuant to the  
14 pilot program.

15 SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that  
16 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to  
17 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made  
18 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division  
19 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.